(f) whether it is a fact that agriculture has also suffered there tremendously : and

(g) whether Narmada waters would be available for drinking purpose to 135 cities and 8000 villages as projected and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No report has been received from the State Government or any other agency about migration of cattle breeders in Kutch and Saurashtra to other areas.

(d) According to the National Water Policy, 1987, there should be a reservation for drinking water in all irrigation projects. The drinking water problem exists in 10 No Source problem villages of 1980/1985 survey and 176 partially covered villages in the State. This is being solved under the normal Plan programmes —State sector Minimum Needs Programme, activities under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission including Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

(e) The Central Government in the Ministry of Rural Development has not made any request to the Irrigation Department in the State to speed up the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project.

(f) No report nas been received that agriculture has suffered tremendously.

(g) According to the projection made by Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board, 135 urban centres and 8215 villages are considered for providing water supply from the Narmada Canal System. No firm timeframe has been laid down as supply of drinking water will depend upon completion of different phases of the project.

Establishment of mobile Islamic courts

*118. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the deliberations of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, as reported in the press on 11th October, 1993;

(b) wheher the Board has declared that it would establish mobile Islamic courts to settle disputes in Muslim family matters ; and

(c) if so, how far the promotion of such courts would be in conformity with Article 44 of the Constitution for securing a uniform civil code throughout the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: (a) Yes, Sir. Government have come across certain press reports about the meeting of the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board in Jaipur on 10th October, 1993;

(b) According to the press reports the Board has stated that it would be setting up mobile Islamic Courts to settle disputes in Muslim family matters ;

(c) In the absence of authentic information, it is not possible to say whether the reported decisions of the Board will be in conformity with article 44 of the Constitution.

Improved Chulhas

*119. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have embarked upon vigorous promotion of improved chulhas to tide over the current fuel crunch ;

(b) what are the targets set for the year 1994-95 and whether Government would consider promoting these chulhas in rural

areas where there is a chronic shortage of fuelwood and kerosene and also to provide a subsidy to the weaker sections of the society : and

(c) whether it is also a fact that twenty technical back-up units were set up for research and development in chulhas technology and to provide training to self-employed workers, potters and village artisans and if so, how many of these units are located in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. One of the main objectives of National Programme of Improved Chulhas is Fuelwood Conservation.

(b) Target for 30 lakhs chulhas has been proposed for the year 1994-95. The Programme is open to all categories of beneficiaries in rural as well as urban areas. However priority is given to those areas experiencing serious deforestation and fuel scarcity. Financial assistance is being provided to all categories of beneficiaries under this programme.

(c) At present 17 Technical Back-up Units are in operation under the National Programme on Improved Chulhas. Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Bangalore is the Technical Back-up Unit for the State of Karnataka.

International Terminal at Calcutta airport

*120. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the cause of delay in completing the new international terminal at Calcutta Airport and by when it is likely to be commissioned ; and

(b) whether any further agreements have been entered into for more international flights through Calcutta, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The new terminal complex at Calcutta airport is scheduled to be completed in June, 1994. The delay has been mainly due to revision of scope of work, removal and relocation of existing structures and interference of local anti-social elements.

(b) As a matter of policy, Government have been offering Calcutta as a point of call for foreign airlines on liberal terms during bilateral air services talks with foreign countries. In the recent past EL-AL (Israeli Airline), KLM (Royal Netherlands Airline), Tarom (Romanian Airline), Balkan Airline (Bulgarian Airline), British Airways and Kazakh Airways (Kazakhstan Airline) have been given rights to operate to Calcutta.

Agreement with IAEA on TAPS

858. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into a new bilateral safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency so that the nuclear power plant at Tarapur may continue to function even after the expiry of trilateral agreement including USA ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether this agreement will ensure uninterrupted Atomic Fuel supply to the plant ; and

(d) if not, what alternatives Government are contemplating to run the power plant without interruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) The 1963 bilateral co-operation agreement between India and the USA for setting up Tarapur Atomic Power